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The summer was hot. Ashley and Jennifer liked to play outside. Ashley had a swing set. Both girls liked to swing. They went back and forth on the swings. It seemed to be cooler that way. For lunch, they made sandwiches. Then they went out to swing again. Ashley and Jennifer did this every day.

One day Dad came out to the yard. "Ashley, come here. I want to tell you something. I will buy you a pool," said Dad. Ashley and Jennifer clapped their hands and jumped up and down. They were going to get a pool!

Then they went to the store. There were many pools. Some pools were blue. Other pools were

yellow. Some pools had ducks. Other pools had fish.

Then Ashley saw a pink pool. "I want that pool," she said. "I want a pink pool, please."

"Fine," said Dad. "I like it, too. I will buy you the pink pool." Dad paid the cashier. Ashley and Jennifer said thank you to Dad. Then they went home. They set up the pool. It was plastic. Dad put it under a tree. The water would be cooler that way.

Jennifer went home. She put on her bathing suit. Then she came back to swim. Ashley put on her suit, too. She put on her pink one. It matched the pool.

Then they turned on the hose. They filled the pool with water. Then they jumped into the pool. The water was cold! They splashed each other and kicked the water. Dad threw them a ball. They played games in the pool.

"Thank you again, Dad," said Ashley. "We love the pool. It is a great way to stay cool in the summer!"

The girls played in the pool every day. Soon they forgot the swing set. They filled the pool up in the morning. They splashed the water out all day. They got toys from the house. They got more balls. They got floating toys. It was the best pool ever!

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